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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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 - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
 - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 May 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: Amendment filed 5/18/04.

This action is made final.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cane et al, US# 2001/0034737 A1, in view of Yano et al., US# 2002/0138504 A1.

As per claim 1, Cane et al. teaches "a plural saving designating unit . . . saving destinations in a single original file should be saved" (see page 2, paragraphs [0031]-[0033]) "a file saving unit separately saving and managing the single original file and copies of the single original file . . ." (see page 2, paragraphs [0029] and [0031]). Cane et al. does not teach "in response to a request from a user to save multiple copies of the single original file . . .". Yano "in response to a request from a user to save multiple copies of the single original file . . ." (see abstract and fig. 1—sheet 1 of 4). It would have been obvious at the time of the invention for one of ordinary skill in the art to have combined the teachings of Cane and Yano, because using the steps of "in response to a request from a user to save multiple copies of the single original file . . .", would have

given those skilled in the art the tools to save multiple copies of an original file. This give users the advantage of processing saved original files more efficiently.

As per claims 2-3, Cane et al. teaches "designates a plurality of saving destinations" (see pages 3-4, paragraph [0041]-[0042]).

As per claim 4, Cane et al. teaches "designation of a term for which said file has been prepared" (see page 3, paragraph [0034]).

As per claims 5-6, Cane et al. teaches "designation of a size of said file . . ." (see page 6, paragraph [0061], whereas Cane's server is equivalent to applicant's "implementor").

As per claim 7, Cane et al. teaches "at least one file unconditionally" (see page 2, paragraph [0029]).

As per claim 8, Cane et al. teaches "a link information storing unit . . ." (see fig. 1—sheet 1 of 12, whereas Cane's "second memory device", "first memory device", etc. are equivalent to applicant's use of the phrase "link information storing unit").

As per claim 9, this claim is rejected on ground corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claim 1 and is similarly rejected including the following:

--Cane et al. teaches "saving multiple copies of the file at the plurality of saving destinations thus designated" (see page 2, paragraph [0030]-[0031], whereas Cane's mirroring system is equivalent to applicant's multiple copies element and therefore the teachings are synonymous).

As per claim 10, this claim is rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claims 1 and 9 and are similarly rejected.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

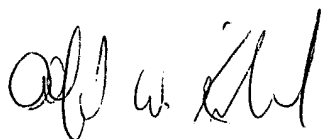
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alford W. Kindred whose telephone number is 703-305-3802. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9:00 am- 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached on (703) 305-9790. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alford W. Kindred', is positioned above the printed name.

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